



NORWICH
City Council

NORWICH CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, 2 March 2010

7.30 p.m.

AGENDA

- 1. Lord Mayor's Announcements**
- 2. Declarations of Interest**
- 3. Questions from the Public**
- 4. Petitions**
- 5. Questions to Executive Members/Committee Chairs**
(A printed copy of the questions and replies will be available at the meeting)
- 6. Joint Core Strategy - Submission to the Secretary of State**
(Report of the Director of Regeneration and Development)

Purpose – To report to Council the recommendation of Executive that, having regard to the most recent additional evidence, information, representations on soundness, and consideration of an assessment under the Habitats Regulations, the joint core strategy for Broadland, Norwich and South Norfolk should be submitted to the Secretary of State, together with the required supporting documents.

7. Motion – Gritting

Councillor Stephenson to move:-

'During the recent cold weather, main roads were gritted by the City Council, while certain pavements and cycle routes were not cleared and remained dangerously icy. Icy surfaces can cause accidents.

Council,

RESOLVES to:

- (1) write to Norfolk County Council, requesting increased funding for the installation of additional grit boxes so residents can make city pavements safer;
- (2) ask The Head of Transportation and Landscape to :-
 - a) create an accurate database showing the location of grit boxes throughout Norwich;
 - b) publicise the purpose of grit boxes, letting members of the public know they that are allowed to use the grit themselves;
 - c) consider ways of involving more residents in making pathways safe in bad weather."

8. Motion - Student Debt: Impact on Students, Prospective Students and the Economy in Norwich

Councillor Morpew to move:-

'Norwich is a university city, with over 14,000 students studying at UEA (University of East Anglia), 1000 students studying at Norwich University College of the Arts, and 3,000 HE (higher education) students studying at City College. Yet the proportion of Norwich sixth formers who go on to university is lower than the national average (source: HEFCE POLAR Widening Participation Report). The average debt students currently incur over the length of studying at UEA is £23,194 (source: Union of UEA Students research for 2008/09 cohort).

Therefore Council:

RESOLVES to:

- (1) support the Union of UEA Students' Higher Education funding campaign;
- (2) write to the Higher Education Minister, David Lammy, opposing an increase in, or the deregulation of, tuition fees;
- (3) request Scrutiny Committee to consider the impact of increasing student debt on the lives of individual students and local businesses.'

9. Motion – Face-to-Face Fundraising in Norwich

Councillor Antony Little to move:-

'To address the concerns raised by residents and businesses at the recent City Centre Safer Neighbourhood Panel meeting, this Council:

RESOLVES to request that the Licensing Committee works with the Head of Legal, Regulatory and Democratic Services, the Public Fundraising Regulatory Association and other interested parties to:-

- (1) produce a regulatory framework for 'face-to-face fundraising' in the city centre; and,
- (2) consider the experience of Nottingham City Council and other authorities which have successfully addressed this issue as a partnership.'

10. Motion – General Election Night

Councillor Antony Little to move:-

'In light of the stated position by the Returning Officer for the Norwich North parliamentary constituency (which includes City voters from 4 electoral wards), that he intends to start the count of votes on the morning after the day of the poll for the next General Election, Council:

RESOLVES to:

- (1) thank the Returning Officer for the Norwich South parliamentary constituency for announcing that the counting of the votes for this constituency is to start on the night of the election following close of the poll; and,
- (2) write to the Returning Officer for the Norwich North parliamentary constituency requesting that voters from across Norwich should have the same treatment in the counting of their votes by starting the count for the General Election on the on the night of the election following close of the poll and concluding the count as soon as reasonably practicable.'

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